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## **PATENT**

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| APPLICANT:  | Gao et al.             | ) | GROUP ART UNIT:         | 1615      |
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## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This letter is in response to the Final Office Action dated February 13, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire May 13, 2007. Applicants request a three month extension for reply, up to and including August 13, 2007. Since the last Office Action was made final, Applicants have also filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with this amendment.

Please charge the extension fee, the RCE fee and any other appropriate fee for the making of the present amendments, to Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

August 13 2007

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**Amendments** to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.